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3 HOUR TOWN MEETING QUIETEST IN MANY YEARS

quiet that you could hear a ballot was then heard and approved. The drop. Little Jeanne Shearer, 6 Selectmen did not recommend the months old, the youngest towns. construction of a town garage at person present, was the only one this time, and it was voted to exto raise her voice in protest. She tend this committee for another left early and the meeting pro- year to pursue further study of ceeded in an orderly manner to a this matter. quiet and quick finish.

After Moderator George Mc-Ewan, opened the meeting Plans Community School Building Plans Committee in laying the prepromptly at 10 a. m. Town Clerk Josephine S. Haskell read the long this building. The Finance Comwarrant with its 55 articles. Following the invocation by Rev. Joseph W. Reeves the reading of the articles got under way.

ticles was accomplished without incident. Upon the reading of Ar- journed with a total of \$197,185 in ticle 9 a motion was made here to appropriations having been made. raise the salaries of the Selectmen Last year's figure having been a to \$500 from the present \$300, the total of \$197,017.25. vote was 42 to 13 opposed.

On Article 14 a question was raised as to the advisability of pur- Holden and Martin chasing a new curtain for \$700. A Plans Home Show proved for the purchase of the curtain for the town hall.

Article 15 having to do with the refinishing of the chairs in the auditorium of the Town Hall, the for prospective home builders dining room tables and other fur- available materials and facilities niture for the sum of \$1200 was and some of the latest developalso voted down. The Finance ments in home building, Ernest Committee had not recommended Barre, president of the company, the expenditure of this money at announced.

for the purchase of a non-electric March 12 and 13. It will be open checkwriter-the original Article to the public on Friday from 7 to 19 calling for \$265 to purchase the 10 p. m. and on Saturday from 1

After reading Article 30 Moderator McEwan had to prod the towns- a continuous movie on the stage people assembled about this ar with a film entitled "Trees and ticle. For a moment it looked as Homes" and a comedy. There will if the town of Northfield was to go also be demonstrations of glazing, without fish this summer. A motion and a second quickly restored tion and a second quickly restored the fish to Northfield, \$200 was the amount voted for the purchase of the fish to be liberated in the of the fish to be liberated in the

appropriation of \$1500, instead of is built on a basic plan from which the original \$1200 called for in Article 31, for insurance.

Article 40, calling for two lights on Birnam road for \$42 was voted down, but \$21 was voted for one

for \$21 was voted and approved. ers whose representatives will be The selectmen to determine the present. position of the light.

vestigate plans for a new firehouse what products are available and was heard, and it was voted that to give them some ideas on buildthe members of this committee ing small homes. Materials are becontinue their study for another year. One hundred dollars was and this year should be a big one

voted for this purpose. The report of the Selectmen in

This year's town meeting was so regard to plans for a Town Garage

Three hundred dollars was voted for the use of the World War Memittee had recommended \$100, but the higher amount was voted by

the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at The reading of the first eight ar- 2.25 p. m., and the quietest town meeting in many years had ad-

Holden & Martin Lumber Co., of Brattleboro, will sponsor a "Brattleboro Building Show" to preview

The show will take place in the One hundred dollars was voted Armory Friday and Saturday, to 10 p. m., Barre said.

One feature of the show will be millwork and an insulation blower.

new type of house, called the "In dustry Engineered Home" will be modeled. This house, Barre said, several models can be constructed and is one of the recent developments in low-priced homes.

Other booths will display ply wood, wallboard, glass, metal products, roofing, cabinet work and Article 41 calling for one light the products of other manufactur-

Barre said that the exhibit is A report of the committee to in- planned to show home builders ginning to come through, he said, for building.

> The NORTHFIELD PLAYERS present "SHAVINGS"

Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 11 NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL, 8 P. M.

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Political Primary Soon; Com. Acts

mittee held an important meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Allen H. Wright on Main street to plan for the Primary, which will be held next April 27. The committee will be up for reelection and re-organization at that time for the new four year term and by vote the membership will be enlarged to twelve. With a presidentianl election coming this year the committee will find much activity ahead. Republican enrollment in Northfield is the largest ever recorded. Chairman Hoehn presided at the session and Mrs. Dorothy Miller is the secretary. It is expected that there will be several new nominations filed for election to membership on the committee, and all such candidates should notify Joseph W. Field of their intentions and later blanks will be furnished.

Long Commends Our Local Officials

From Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, Henry F. Long, of Boston, comes a fine letter of commendation, under date of Jan. 30, to the Board of Assessors and Collector of Taxes of Northfield for the splendid work which they have accomplished in this community. The following is the text of the letter which explains

"Heartiest congratulations to the 1948 poll tax bills. I am sending this because it is a double congratulation to the assessors and collector which point to a community that is of the best and where the assessors and collector in no way are bothered by time, weather or anything else, but on the first day of January put on full speed ahead and show other communities what they really should be doing. the business meeting. Mrs. Carle-I am extremely grateful to you ton Holton of West Northfield Organize for what you have done and I will play several accordian seleclector because, good assessment will render a whistling solo. Mrs. work and good collection work Martha Lopez will sing, accommean less of a burden to the tax- panied by Mrs. Robert A. Taylor. A

prosper. The letter was received by Ernest A. Parker, chairman of the Pine Top Ski School Selectmen.

A Toppers Club Here

Under the sponsorship of the Tenney Farms Dairy "The Topper Square Deal Club" has been formed in Northfield Farms. The purpose of this club is to inspire un- the first time and should prove selfishness and loyalty to worthwhile services in the community. Jack Powell is the organizer and Bigelow of Brattleboro are the inwill devote his efforts to guiding structors at the new ski school the young folks.

County Budget Larger will be conducted Wednesday after-

The Commissioners of Franklin county announce that they will have an increased budget this year. The total estimate of money needed is \$278,253.98. Last year's estimate was \$254,331.15. The budget of this year is 9 per cent higher than last year.

The budget is \$206,053.18 in excess of estimated receipts. A balance of \$47,180.80 is included in this years budget. Increases for the year include \$9,800 for state highways, bridges and land damages; \$4,990 for hospital expenses and \$8,630 for the House of Cor-

The Commissioners are Samuel J. Streeter, Roy W. French and arlos Allen.

TIE VOTE FOR SCHOOL **COMMITTEE FEATURES ELECTION** The local Republican Town Com-

the election.

At Pioneer Valley Film Show Tonight

will be begun.

you for being the first to get out tee members Charles Olds, Melvern Morgan, Harry Gingras.

P.-T.A. Meeting

The Northfield P. T. A. will meet February 9 at 8 p m. in Alexander Leonard was reappointed Park Hall. The Bernardston P. T. A. has been invited.

A musical program will follow Fire Wardens a piano duet. Mrs. Jennie Warnock piano solo by Mrs. Robert Barnes "May you all live long and will conclude the program.

ly and according to the proprietors the upper tow is now ready for use. a boon to the skiers at Pine Top.

noons, Saturdays and Sundays.

best in years.

Guests at the hotels, hostelers from the AYH and students from the schools are finding opportunities for a variety of winter sports such as skating, skiing, bob sledding and snowshoeing.

The extended "cold snap" and heavy snowfall has brought joy to some hearts at least.

You can find your way to services or products that you want by looking in The Classified TELEPHONE DIRECTORY YELLOW PAGES

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The citizens of Northfield may Josephine Haskell was reelected have to go to the polls again due Town Clerk, 455. Charles Slate run-

George H. Sheldon, 214, won over

Ernest A. Parker, with 442 votes.

running without opposition, was re-

turned as Selectman for a three-

year term. George W. Carr, with

398 votes, also running unopposed,

was reelected for a two-year term.

race, Ernest A. Parker polled 442

votes for a three-year term. George

McEwan, serving his first year as

Moderator, was returned for an-

Glenn C. Billings, 431, was

elected Cemetery Commissioner

and Charles F. Slate, 451 was

elected Tax Collector for one year,

C. Ina Merriman, 403, and Robert

Bonner Jack, 370, and Luman A.

Barber was elected to a two-year

Joseph F. Field, 400, was elected

For Constables at Large, Martin

E. Vorce, 354, Harry M. Haskell,

322 and Joseph G. Morgan, 306,

were elected for a one-year term.

Paul Chamberlain in this race

Murray M. Hammond was elected

Constable from Northfield Farms

for one year with 434 votes, and

Frank W. Williams, 391, was re-

elected to the Planning Board for

Appointed to the Finance Com-

mittee were Dr. William Park and

Mrs. Maud Montague. George

Commissioner for a one-year term.

A meeting of all the Forest Fire

week with the annual dinner at the

Congregational Church in Florence

followed by a business session.

Fire Chief Charles G. Dalton of

Northampton was chosen presi-

Association with a complete list

of officers. It was reported that

the state will provide two fully

service in this district in April, but

where they will be placed has not

been decided. There are some for-

ty cities and towns in this area.

Andrew Gray is the local Forest

On the lot on Highland avenue

Robert Bonner Jack, lumber is be-

ing accumulated for the building of

a new home for Miss Margaret C.

Shields of Princeton, N. J., and her

sister, Miss Mabel Agnes Shields

Leavis and Bolton have the con-

field their permanent home.

Unitarian Church last Tuesday

Both tables were filled to capacty and members and guests eating

elbow to elbow enjoyed the very

the merriment of the gathering.

Dr. Dean then showed color films

of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Garden Club

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Library Trustees reelected were

other term with 404 votes.

term to fill a vacancy.

Tree Warden.

polled 282 votes.

five years.

Running alone in the Assessor

William M. Marshall, 120, and

Town Treasurer, 458.

to the tie vote of 239 for both ning unopposed, was reelected Marion C. Billings, caucus nominee. and Lillian K. Wells.

Except for this unusual occurence and 487 ballots cast at the Homer Browning, Jr., 116. This election, the voting went as had race was for the one-year term. been more or less predicted before

Members of the local Pioneer Valley Association committee for the solicitation of memberships be in attendance this Friday evening at the Hotel Sheraton in Springfield for the inauguration of the drive and the preview of the film, "Vacations in the Pioneer Valley." President George V. Wallace will preside and the list of speakers will include Charles R. Fairhurst. District Attorney for Hampshire-Franklin district of Greenfield. Representatives will be present from 58 cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley and the effort to raise the needed quota of \$40,000 to advertise the region

Among those attending from Northfield will be A. Gordon Moody, a vice-president of the Association, Harold Briesmaster, chairman of the town committee, and commit-

Despite the heavy snows and bitter January weather the Pine Top Ski Area has reported good attendance. The lower tow at Pine Top has been functioning perfect-The warming hut was used for Edward Dunkle and George that will operate for the rest of the season at Pine Top. The school

Record Crowds Skiing

With the slight moderation in the weather after the severe storms and cold, it is reported from many slopes in New Hampshire that record crowds have been flocking to the slopes and enjoying the sport which is at its

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AYH News

The Northfield hostel has entertained 165 young people this past and appreciation from W. Howard week; most of them are enjoying Pillsbury, Chairman of the "Save a ski vacation between college the Children Federation." congratulate you through the peotions. Mrs. Virginia Hack and Wardens of western Massachusetts semesters. Five minor casualties ple of Northfield for an excellent Mrs. Marion Goodspeed will give was held at Northampton last were reported when various legs ticipation of the local schools in direction indicated by skis out of ing Crusade to assist American control. Nothing serious enough children in neglected rural areas to keep the recipient from hobbling and child sufferers abroad. heroically to class within a few

dent of the Forest Fire Wardens days. from Miss Ida Sheldon, to say that with the less fortunate and closed she is in Connecticut, and hopes with this statement, "we speak for equipped forest fire trucks for to be up to see friends in town be-

who write in asking for details on schools, "Ye Clothed Me." AYH trips this summer. The 24 page folder was compiled by the Fortnightly Meeting Travel Service Division, illustrated by Isabel Smith, and printed by the AYH Printing Department; it describes 18 trips all over the world and carries an article on the Youth Argosy-student ships made possible by the United States Mariime Commission. Anyone interested in receiving a copy may have one free of charge.

County Club to Meet

tract and will begin building as The Franklin County Northfield soon as the weather permits. The Club will hold its next meeting at lot was formerly owned by Miss the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield, Boy Scout News Annie G. Winter of Lawrence. The Saturday, February 7, with Misses Shields will make Northluncheon at one o'clock. Mr. Frederick F. McVeigh will speak on the subject of "A Protestant School in a Catholic Country." Reservations already made for the luncheon promise a good attend-The Garden Club met for its an-

Salaries of Elementary nual supper in the vestry of the Teachers

Elementary teachers in Northfield are employed under a uniform salary rate, but have no schedule. Mrs. George Carr led in the By a recent action of the School playing of games and Fred Porter Committee, salaries for all elemencontributed an original poem to tary teachers have been set at the rate of \$2,100 for the present school year effective from January 1, of his trip to California last year. 1948.

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The letter said in part, ieve that it is essential for our Further word has been received American young people to share many thousands of children in our own and other lands to whom The new 1948 Travel Folder is you have brought great joy and now being distributed to all those who can truthfully say to your

Myron Johnson, son of Mrs. Charles Johnson, will speaker at the Fortnightly meeting February 6, at 3 p. m., in Alexander Hall. Mr. Johnson's talk will be

on "Interior Decorating." Also on the progam Mrs. Jennie Warnock of Northfield will whistle. accompanied by Mrs. Robert N.

The tea hostesses will be Mrs. Frank Montague, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. Harold Briesmaster, and Miss Marion Holton.

Twenty-four scouts attended a meeting at the Congregational Church last Monday evening. The Scout Master noticed improvement in their knot-tying contest. Fifteen boys expect to attend the ski carnival at Holland Farms the 14th of February.

CALENDAR

Feb. 6. Fortnightly meets. Myron Johnson, speaker.

Feb. 8. Congregational Church Sunday Evening Club meets, 7 p. m Feb. 9. P.-T. A. meeting, Alexander Hall, at 8 p. m.

Boy Scouts meet. Feb. 10. Grange meeting. "Shavings" at Town Hall, 8 p. m. Feb. 11. "Shavings" at the Town Hall, 8 p. m. Feb. 12. Lincoln's Birthday.

Community Club No. 4 regular Congregational Church public

supper in vestry. Unitarian Women's meeting at 2.30 p. m. The Evening Alliance meeting in

'eb. 14. St. Valentine's Day. Feb. 16. The Unitarian Evening Alliance "brush party" at 8 p. m.

Boy Scouts meet. Feb. 17. The Unitarian Young Adult Group card party at 8 p. m. Feb. 20. Fortnightly meeting, one

act play.

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The State of Massachusetts from local real estate is insufficient to operate a modern school sys-

This is Public Problem No. 1. It is everyone's problem; not just the problem of school people and school officials. The public schools belong to the public and depend on the interest and support of the public. A modern school system is the best investment we can make against political and social chaos.

It is very much our problem to see that we have "good schools taught by good teachers working under good conditions." How? By supporting S. 164, a petition of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation now before the State Legislature. Northfield stands to gain about \$17,000.00 more state aid than it is now receiving for education under the terms of this particular bill.

Write to your State Senator and Representative to support S. 164.

Among the many "firsts" in our experience, Town Meeting is by far the most important. In a world where the individual is fast becoming a mere organism in a collective existence. Town Meeting remains the last stronghold of Democracy.

To govern by consent of the govern is the sweetest story ever told! The privilege to mark the ballot in secret without a government agent at our elbow, is the most precious thing we have. If we throw that right away, nothing acn ever bring it back.

No Utopian dream, or "sure-fire scheme" can improve upon democratic action as a means for expressing the will of the people.

The American Revolution is not over! Just as the colonial Minutemen guarded the roadways against invading red-coats; so must we "minute men" stand modern guard against the invasion of "isms."

Many people are not familiar with the details of U.M.T. and so perhaps the following will serve to enlighten them so that they will better understand this controversial issue.

Who Would Be Trained? All male citizens who have passed their 18th birthday but have not yet reached the age of 20. The exact time of entry to be determined by the date they will finish high school, and certain economic

How Long Would the Boys be Trained?

The basic obligation would be for one year of military training, but at the end of six months in camp the trainee would have options open to him. He could discharge his obligation for the remaining six months by enlisting in the National Guard or Organized Reserve, by specialist training in an approved technical school, by entering any college and joining an ROTC Unit, or by joining the Regular armed services.

Would close Association with Other Men Hurt the Trainee's Morals? No more than in any home community. Records prove conclusively that crimes and moral offenses by soldiers are relatively far fewer than those committed by men in the same age groups in civilian life.

Would the Trainees be Soldiers? No. They would be civilians under Army supervision for military training. Would They be Subject to Orders

From the Army? Yes. In the field of military training, but this Army authority is subject to civilian control and they are not subject to Army courts

martial. Would Trainees Wear Uniforms? Yes. Special insignia would distinguish them from the Regular

Army. Would the Trainees go Overseas? No. All training would be done within the continental limits of

Would Trainees Be Paid? No. They would receive a small cash allowance only, as they would he discharging an obligation to their country and themselves. Would All Trainees be Stationed

Far From Home? No. These boys would be assigned to stations as close to their homes as practicable. Would All Trainees be of the Same

Rank? Yes. They would all enter at the same level but those with leadership qualities would be appointed as "non-coms."

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"Hearts Will be Trump"

February 14."

St. Valentine's Day, sentimentally held dear in the hearts of young tailed and scientific study and as and old, will soon be here, with its gifts and messages of love.

Postmaster Merritt C. Skilton, has good news for cover collectors, philatelists and just plain Valentine enthusiasts. He tells us that the Postmaster at Valentine Ne- ers, businessmen, etc. The author braska will apply the valentine heart to all envelopes submitted and will cancel them with the valentine Nebraska postmark of February 14 or will release them with an earlier postmark if so requested.

Mrs. Margarite Phelps, postmaster at Valentine, tells us that the post office was named for Congressman E. K. Valentine, in 1882, but is now associated with the beloved St. Valentine, born February 14, 270, A. D.

"A Valentine to My Valentine from Valentine, Nebraska," has become a national slogan.

The postmaster at Valentine enjoys meeting New Englanders through their letters, considers them fine, understanding and appreciative, and feels that the Good Saint, Valentine, actually changes the incoming mail sacks to read "Valentine, Here I Come" and the out-going sacks to read "Good Luck, New England."

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Enclose in an outer envelope, addressed to Postmaster, Valentine, Nebraska, with outside postage fully prepaid, the cards or envelopes, with the Postal Note or Money Order.

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been quite a winter, should take an The Library has acquired, by evening off and read "We Live in gifts, a number of new-old books; the Arctic," by the Helmericks, books which have been published Bud and Connie. On page 256 there for several years but which are new is a snapshot of this rugged to us. They are all good reading young couple with the thermome- and will be placed in a special spot ter registering 60 degrees below for the next week or so. You may zero, and apparently 20-30 degrees find a favorite author on this shelf below was a regular occurrence -Frances Hodgson Burnett, Thorn-

As a February feature, we are To mediocre, failure, or glory, you have any old or unusual ones. If he flies through the air on skiis, we would greatly appreciate your While the earth lies far below. loaning them to us. Bring them in to the Library on your next visit. (No comic ones, if you please).

"Hearts Will Be Trump, Come our Library is "Personality in Handwriting, a Handbook of American Graphology," by Alfred O. Mendel. This is an extremely dethe jacket review states, "Personality in Handwriting" is uniquely adapted to needs of those whose work involves a broad knowledge of human relationships, such as personnel managers, teachshows how graphology is in some respects more revealing than questionnaires, IQ probing and other methods of personality analysis.

Uncle Sam Says



If you don't mind blending romance and good business sense, Leap Year Day, February 29, offers the opportunity to take a look at the growth in value of United States Savings Bonds.

For example, here is what happened to the value of Savings Bonds as measured by the Leap Years: \$25 Savings Bond — 1940, \$18.75, purchase price; 1944, \$20.00 and

1948, \$23.00. \$50 Savings Bond - 1940, \$37.50. purchase price; 1944, \$40.00 and 1948, \$46.00. \$100 Savings Bond - 1940, \$75.00, purchase price; 1944, \$80.90 and

1948, \$92.00 Buy Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work, or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank if you are self-employed. Watch your nest-egg grow, safely, surely, profitably.

POET'S CORNER (Contributions by local poets

THE SKI JUMPER. The freezing winds of winter Across the snow did blow; While nervous groups of jumpers Watched the jostling crowd below.

The wax passed over three broad grooves, The band began to play. And many waiting jumpers Wished for the close of day.

Down the ramp he goes, To the jump he glides; With a tremendous leap he leaves the earth And through the air (on skiis) he

-Edgar Parker

MAPLE SYRUP TIME Another interesting addition to They're making maple syrup Way back upon the hill. They're tapping every waiting tree, So all the pails will fill.

> The swarm of youthful sugarers Oh! how they strain and strive! Just like so many busy bees. Within a honeyed hive.

I like the smell of syrup As it floats into the air. While all the curious little Boys just stand around and stare.

Although the syrup that we make May look a little tough, We all devour it just the same And never have enough. -Ronald Williams

Emerald Considered Gem

Of Good Luck, Happiness Emerald, said to be the stone of the goddess Venus and the emblem of true happiness, kindness, goodness and tranquillity, long has been considered a good luck gem. Innumerable properties have been ascribed to emeralds. They were said to have a soothing influence on | the sight, be an antidote for poison, drive away evil spirits, sharpen wits, confer riches and foretell the future.

A talismanic emerald, once the property of the Mogul emperors of Delhi, recently has been exhibited. The stone is a rich deep green and weighs 78 carats. Around the edge in Persian characters runs the inscription, "He who possesses this charm shall enjoy the special protection of God."

Queen Cleopatra had an emerald mine on the shores of the Red sea. It is still in existence but no gems have been mined there recently. In ancient times emeralds came mostly from mines in upper Egypt. Now the main sources are in Colombia. Good gems also come from Brazil. the Ural mountains and a few from North Carolina. Mexican history tells of enormous emeralds taken from the Aztecs by Cortes.

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A.U.Y. Committee

Meeting Miss Beverly McCollum; president of the American Unitarian Youth Group, presided at a meeting Wednesday evening, of Program Committee and the Recreation Committee. Plans were completed for the February meetings, as follows:

Feb. 1. Presentation of suggestions for the social service activities by the chairman of that committee, Russell Bigelow, followed by a recreation program.

Feb. 8. A devotional service, followed by an exhibition and discussion of Hobbies, led by Peter Haack. All members and guests are invited to bring examples of their hobbies and to tell the group something about them.

Feb. 15. A devotional service, followed by a group discussion of "Our Town-What Can WE Do to Improve It?" The president, Beverly McCollum, in charge.

Feb. 22. "What Do Unitarians Believe," a talk by the minister, Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler. Feb. 29. An art meeting to be led

by the vice-president, Russell Bigelow. All young people of high school age are invited to come to these

meetings and enter into our activities. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at the Unitarian Church, Sunday evenings, at

Town Nurse Reports

The town nurse reports visits for the month of January as follows: Chronic cases, 63; acute cases, 6; prenatal visits: delivery, 1; infant health supervision, 20; adult health supervision, 2; pre-school health supervision, 3; school health supervision, 10; T. B. contact visits; meetings attended, 3; transportation, 4; social service, 1.

Completion of diphtheria clinic where 25 children were inoculated.

GILL NEWS

The following have circulated nomination papers for Town Offices: Robert Stoughton for Assessor; Arthur D. Platt for School near Marlo on the southeast coast Committee; Mrs. Stanley Bell for of Victoria. At the present time its Library Trustee; Alan D. Adie. Luther S. Eddy and Howard R. Jackson for Selectmen; D. O. Paul for Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Robert Stoughton is seeking the office formerly held by Lyman Hale, who is not running this year. Harry Erickson has already announced his decision to retire from office and his seat on the school committee is being sought by A. D. Platt, Mrs. Stanley Bell is seeking to replace Mrs. Lyman Hale as Library Trustee who has resigned.

The incumbent selectmen are S. Fred Kerslake, Jr., Ernest E. Blake and Richard Clapp. The present Town Clerk is Earle F. Squires.

CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister 10 a. m. Church School and

Young People's Forum. 11 a. m. Worship. Annual Young People's Sunday. Sermonettes by Marian Allen, Richard Reeves, and Portia Chamberlin. Nursery for pre-school age children.

7 p. m. Sunday Evening Club meeting in the vestry. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes and their com- most of the top soil. The islands mittee will serve a light supper. show the effects of the continuous Dr. Dean will show motion pictures trade winds from the northeast. The

of his trip to California last spring. branches and foliage of divi-divi Thursday, 6.30 p. m. Public supper for benefit of the new kitchen stove fund. Tickets for adults 99 cents; children under 10 years of age, 50 cents. Call Miss Sophie Servaes or Mr. Reeves for tickets.

UNITARIAN CHURCH Rev. Haezi Roger Gredler Minister

10 a. m. Church School. Opening service in charge of Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

11 a. m. Service of Worship and sermon. Anthem by the choir, ing blackouts. These were bulbs of Children's story, "The Great Stone Face." Adult sermon, "What is the Christian Church?"

7.30 p. m. The American Unitarian Youth Group. A discussion of "hobbies" led by Peter Haack. All members are asked to contribute their hobbies.

The afternoon Alliance will meet on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2.30 p.m. to hear Mrs. Walter C. Scott, who will speak on "Understanding the

The Evening Alliance will meet at 8 p. m., Feb. 12, at the vestry, to hear Rev. Francis C. Schlater of Bernardston speak on "A Racial

Challenge to All of Us." On Feb. 13 church members are invited to the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody, to help in the world "day of prayer."

FREE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor The district superintendent, Rev. H. J. Gabriel of Brooklyn, N. Y., will conduct the quarterly meeting and will preach at each of the fol-lowing services. Friday and Saturday evening at 7.30, Sunday at 10.30

a. m. and 7 p. m. The Sunday morning worship will be followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The public is cordially invited to these services.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH South Vernon, Vt. Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone Services every Sunday, 10.30

Sunday School, 10.45 a. m. Loyal Workers, 6.30 p. m. Prayer Services, 7.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursdays at the Vernon home, 7.45 p. m.

Nature's Deceptions

Cited by Astronomer

So well has man been fooled by the illusions of nature that he has only in very recent times begun to see through these deceptions, points out Dr. W. F. Meyer, astronomer of University of California.

For example, the sun can be seen for several minutes when it is actually below the visible horizon, because of the bending of its light rays by the earth's atmosphere. Thus the sun "rises" several minutes before it is above the eastern horizon and "sets" several minutes after it has gone below the western horizon, lengthening the day from four to eight minutes at the expense of the night.

The sun, the planets and stars never are seen where they actually are, because of the time required for light to travel through great distances of space. The sun always is seen where it was eight and onethird minutes ago—the time it takes light to travel the 93 million miles from sun to earth. During these minutes the earth travels nearly 10.000 miles from the position when

the light left the sun. Similarly, the light sent out 450 years ago from the pole star, Polaris, still is serving mariners and aviators in locating the position of a ship or plane at night. Polaris has traveled an enormous distance since that time.

Australia Will Harness

Waterways for Power

Australia's 1,500 mile Murray river with its tributaries, the Darling and the Murrumbidgee, forms the only sizable inland river system of Australia. At certain times of the year the waters fall to a very low level, while, at the same time, the Snowy river might be in flood.

The Snowy rises on Mount Kosciusko, which is high enough to precipitate moisture from the clouds and which provides a huge field of snow that feeds the river when the rest of the country is dry. The Snowy flows southward to meet the sea waters run to waste.

A new plan calls for development of a huge hydro-electric and irrigation project estimated to cost 212 million dollars. Between the proposed point of offtake in the Snowy to the headwaters of the Murray there is a fall of something like 2,000 feet, so that gravity will take the water through a 25-mile tunnel through the Australian Alps. A series of power stations will use the water to generate a total of 750,000

Arid Island of Aruba

The Netherlands isle of Aruba, which is petitioning Queen Wilhelmina for home rule, is a West Indies pin point with the giant job of speeding to market the modern global necessity, oil. Dutch is the official language, but Spanish, English and French also are spoken. Native Arubans, of basic Carib - Indian stock, have an international patios of their own, called Papiamento. Aruba is only a little larger in area than Washington, D. C. A barren coral and lava speck, for centuries it was hampered in its development through lack of fresh water and the high winds that blow away trees, for example, extend far out on one side.

Photographs in the Dark

Photographs may be taken in the dark, with still or motion pictures, by infrared radiation, which consists of waves like those of light but of greater length, so that they are not visible. Specially sensitized film is required. During the war, infrared photoflash bulbs were introduced to take photographs durthe ordinary type, provided with a coating which absorbed visible light. Filters which are opaque to the eye, but quite transparent to the infrared, may be obtained and used over ordinary flash or flood lamps to provide a source of the invisible gays.

Received a Buck Yearly

William Caxton, who was born about 1422, was England's first printer. He learned printing in Cologne and printed his Recuyell about 1474. Returning to England in 1476, he established a press at Westminster and issued an indulgence by Abbot Sant that year, the first known piece of printing from Caxton press in England. In 1477 he issued the first dated book printed in England. From his patron, the Earl of Arundel, he received, as part payment for printing one of his books, a promise to give him each summer a buck, and each winter a doe.

Increase Tree Farms

Certification of 14 new western pine, 5 southern pine and 19 Tennessee tree farms plus the addition of more than 100,000 acres to four industrial tree farms in Texas, pushed the nation-wide total to more than 1,250 units with about 14,250,-000 acres. With numerous dedications planned, including the first certifications in Virginia and Pennsylvania, tree farms should be past the 15 million acre mark within a few months.



Automatic Mixers Available on Farm **Electricity Cuts Down** On Farm Labor Costs

By Bob Wilson

Feed mixing, like an increasing number of other farm chores, now is being placed on practically an and grinding operations.

either adjacent to the grinder or in When processing operations begin, Great Barrington. shelled corn, which has been blown



Such a mixer will save labor.

into a bin to the right of the mixer, drops through a chute to the grinder on the floor below. The blower pipe is shown at the right of the mixer.

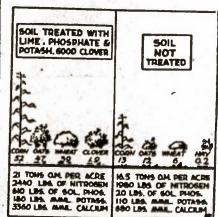
After grinding has been completed, the ground grain is blown into the mixer and necessary supplements added. The thoroughly mixed grain then flows out of the mixer and down a chute to be loaded into a feed cart on the first floor.

The only manual work required is dumping the sacked supplement into the mixer. A conventional type blower cribs the whole grain automatically, while the blower attachment on the electrically powered grinder returns the ground grain to the mixer.

Setups of this type are becoming commonplace on scores of electrified farms. They can be constructed at relatively small cost and, in most cases, by unskilled farm labor.

Checks Soil Losses

Good soil management pays dividends in making heavy crops per acre, building organic matter in the soil and at the same time checking



erosion. The results shown above summarize tests at the University of Illinois Elizabethtown experiment

field since 1918. Manure, lime and phosphate made the difference between the two plots. The soil was already rich

in potash. The heavy crops of alfalfa-clover and small grains protected the soil from beating rains. The soil of the treated plot with its 16 tons of organic matter per acre could soak up more water faster than the soil of the untreated plot with only five tons. Less water was left to run off

and carry soil with it. For erosion control on longer slopes a crop rotation that includes more years in soil protecting crops such as legume grass mixtures is advised. Full fields on a 12 per cent slope such as was in this field would need a rotation of corn, winter grain and two or three years of legumegrass mixtures for best results. Contour farming, strip cropping and terracing would help, too, to slow down the water so that more would have a chance to soak into the ground.

Three Major Problems Face Pork Producers

The pork producer faces three problems as he makes plans for 1948, say Michigan State college specialists. A short corn crop, a relatively narrow corn-hog ratio and a stressed feed conservation program are the problems to be met. The danger is that too few sows will be bred for spring pigs and there may not be enough hogs to consume the corn crop produced

There will be an observance of World Peace Day in an appropriate service at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody on Friday, Feb. 13. L. L. Harris of Bernardston, formerly of South Vernon, is at the Franklin County Hospital for treat-

ment. He is improving. Dr. Walter S. Jones of Providence, R. I., was a recent visitor over the weekend at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E.

Donald Smith of South Vernon has returned from Chicago where he took a course of study in radio, refrigeration and radar. He has reopened his office and will devote himself to serving his patrons.

While riding his bicycle to the automatic basis and coordinated Grange meeting last week, Warren with related activities. In this case, Brown was struck by a motorist mixing is coordinated with cribbing and knocked from his wheel but fortunately was not seriously in-Generally, mixers are located jured and he is about again. Richard Bassett, Richard Strange

the barn mow almost directly above and Edward Fortier of this town the mill. The two-ton mixer, shown are all now employed with the in the accompanying illustration, is Lawrence Tree Expert Co. of in the mow of a Midwestern farm. Greenfield and now working in

All homes in the summer colony are covered with the heavy fall of snows to an average depth of two feet but no damage is reported. The mid-winter inspection of houses has been delayed because of the difficulty of getting about. The State Police will make the rounds as soon as possible.

Richard Barrows of Brattleboro, and formerly of this town, was 16th in a field of 64 in Class B

Nikolai and Joanna Graudan, lington, Vt. cellist and planist, will apear at tion. The appearance of this 'celloplanist team should be good news have season tickets for this series

It is announced that the annual fair of the Franklin County Agricultural Society will be held Sept. 18, 14 and 15. It will be the one celebration.

of concerts.

The next meeting of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will Hermon School will be March 3 to be held at Bernardston on Monday 23 and for Northfield School for evening, Feb. 23. A large attend. Girls March 18 to 31. ance of Northfield members is expected.

of Topsfield, Me., former residents cial program. of this town, says that the weather there is very cold, with low temperatures of below zero for some to do some ice fishing soon. Their the supper committee. son Herbert and family are with them, William is with the army in living in Chicago.

Petersburg, Fla., a summer resi- | hibernation. dent of Mountain Park, is spending | Lent will begin on Wednesday, enjoying her experience. .

ter, Miss Inez Hull have been visit- vited. ing the Powells at Green Pastures and Mrs. W. R. Moody at The Homestead. Mrs. Moody has an competition at a Lebanan, N. H. apartment for the winter in the home of Mrs. Boyd Edwards in Ar-

Word has come of the engagethe Latchis Memorial Theatre in ment of Robin Stevenson, formerly Hospital School of Nursing in New Brattleboro Sunday afternoon, of this town, and a graduate of Mt. York City. Miss Briesmaster is a Feb. 8, at 3, under the auspices of Hermon. His fiancee is Miss Bar- graduate of the Northfield School the Community Concert Associa- bara Miller, daughter of Mrs. Har- for Girls. old DeC. Miller of Wakefield, Mass. Miss Miller is a graduate of Waketo those people in the town who field High School High School and Malden Business College. At present she is employed as a sec-

Somerville. Robin Stevenson will receive his Master's degree at M. I. T. in June hundredth fair and Greenfield will and will return to active military make much of it in the way of a duty the same month as a member of the U.S. Army Air Force.

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The spring vacation of Mount

The Northfield Chapter of the Eastern Star will observe its 45th A letter from the Ripley family anniversary this month with a spe-

Don't forget the public supper at the Congregational Church vestry Thursday evening, Feb. 12 at 6.30. time. However, Mr. Ripley expects | Miss Sophie Servaes is chairman of |

The ground-hog saw his shadow last Monday and returned to his Alaska and Robert and family are nest for another six weeks. Many of us crawled in our nests the past Mrs. Lucius J. Mason of St. six weeks. Who wants more of

some time this winter at Nassau Feb. 11. On Friday afternoon the in the Bahamas. She writes to 13th a "World Day of Prayer" servfriends here that she is thoroughly ice will be conducted at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody to which Mrs. Paul D. Moody and her sis- the women of this town are in-

> Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield who has been very ill at her home for some time, is now reported as gradually improving. A well is being bored at the Vernon Home to provide an adequate water supply and it is said that already sufficient water is being found at a depth of 150 feet.

Miss Ellen J. Briesmaster, daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bricemaster, has entered the St. Luke's

We Better Have One

Is there a law prohibiting the picking of mountain laurel, the official flower of the Pioneer Valley Association? Before including this statement for its new motion picture, "Holiday in New England's Pioneer Valley," Association officials thought they had better check

"Yes," said A. D. Robinson of Westfield, the man who made the highway department stop cutting laurel along the roadside. course there's a law." But he couldn't find it.

"Yes," said a prominent judge, 'there's a law, I'll look it right up. But it wasn't there.

The judge said a statute protecting certain wild flowers including azaleas would cover it; but when the Association asked a nurseryman, he said laurel is not in the azalea family.

At present only the statute prohibiting public trespass can be invoked to protect the laurel and this would operate on both public and

private property. At the end of the day of checking, the Association asked the chairman of its Legislative Committee, William H. Hyde of Ware, to draft the law everyone thought

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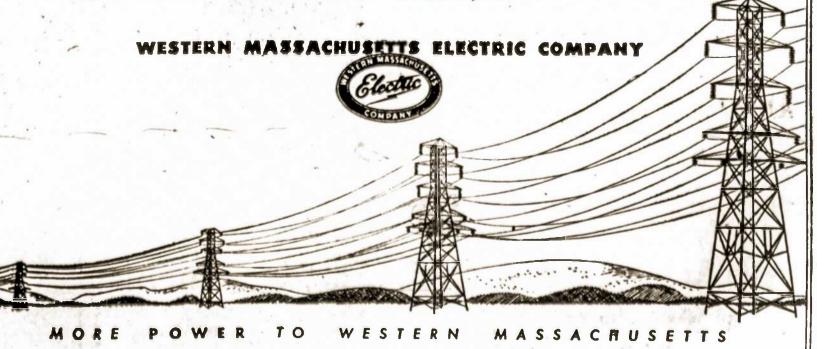
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Spaniard, Perdo de Clesa de Leon, traveling through South America first encountered it in 1888 in what is now Colombia and later in Ecuador, Cleza mentions the potato seven times in his "Chronicle of Peru," a diary he kept of his travels. "Papas" was the name applied to common article of food and quite generally cultivated. It can be supposed that during the time the South American Indians had cultibeen made with the wild forms, for extensive explorations never have been able to show that the common curred as such in a wild state. Al- American way of doing good. The of potato in southern Chile in 1578, just feel we should atone for some as did Thomas Cavendish in 1587, it of our own destruction abroad, it into Europe.

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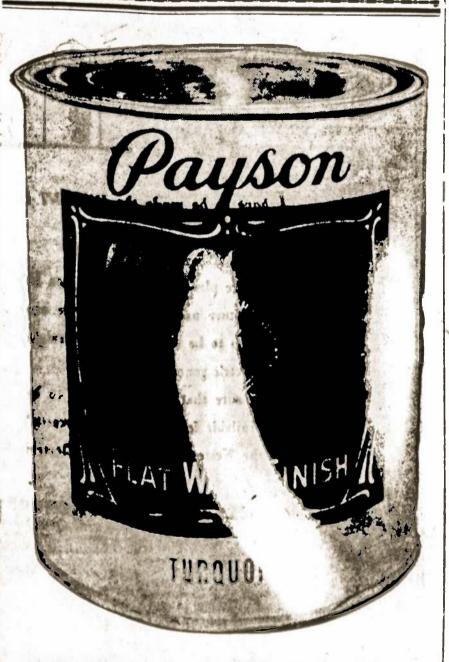
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While Congress debates large to Europe and Asia, H. R. 4459 indicated that "papes" had been a private person-to-person relief packages, should be passed immediately.

vated the potato, improvements had the idea of getting them passed by Christmas. They would not cost the American people one-hundredth of the cost of the grandiose Marshall Plan and would be much more potato, as it is grown today, oc- in keeping with the Christian and though Sir Francis Drake encoun-people who have relatives and tered tubers of the common species friends abroad or the people who seems certain they did not introduce should be encouraged and helped in their work of buying food, colpacking it and mailing it. This is the essence of free enterprise, the opposite of letting the state do it.

I also know many persons would send old clothing and some food or soap if the postage were not so high. They do not bother to take it to a church or other depot because they are so impersonal that many question the destination and actual receipt by the needy.

Our Hon. Charles R. Clason is in favor of the idea but the great internationalists, Lodge and Saltonstall, are non-committal. I be-Heve all of us would be a lot more impressed with these would-be internationalists, including the President, if they would press measures that would give immediate, inexpensive aid to Europe and Asia. But no, that awful isolationist "Curly" Brooks of Illinois has proposed cutting the cost of CARE packages by government subsidy: a suggestion that should have come a year ago from Claude Pepper, Saltonstall and their ilk.

The insistence of the President and Secretary Marshall on the whole ERP or nothing and the neglect of acts that would help NOW, makes many suspect an imperialistic fist in the velvet glove of U.S. humanitarianism.

The President's desire and de cision to put a porch on the White House to the tune of \$15,000 in these days of want, is a very poor example to set for us and the

Feb. 3, 1948.

YONE U. STAFFORD Springfield, Mass.

'Shavings' on Stage At Town Hall

The Northfield Players who are

To the Editors:

shout to produce "Shavings." Joseph Lincoln's story of life on Cape God, are in their second week of concentrated rehearsal and things are shaping up for a fine producscale government controlled relief tion on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, Feb. 10 and 11. The the plant by the native Indians, accounts for the reduction of postage on in the Town Hall. This is a Samuel French royalty play and one you'll remember a long time. It is interesting to children and grown folks These bills were introduced alike, and you'll have more than around Thanksgiving time with just your money's worth when you witness the following cast in this

production: Miss Beryle Stimson plays Captain Sam Hunniwell's daughter, Maudie. Captain Sam, a retired sea captain, now a banker, is played by Hugh Eastman. spicy enemy Phin Babitt, the hard-John Hammond takes the part of lecting and mending old clothing, a newcomer to the Cape town and her little daughter, Babbie, are characterized by Mrs. Esther Leonard and Miss Ellen Finch.

Charlie Phillips, David Quinn, is Mrs. Armstrong's brother. Roscoe Holway, an efficient salesman. is played by Gerald Goggin. Gabriel Berse, the comedian in the shape George Leonard, an old friend of Mrs. Armstrong, and the philosophical, town crank, Uncle Jed Winslow, called "Shavings." played by Donald Finch completes the cast. Mrs. Robert Taylor is al-

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An assembly was conducted in room 7 on Friday, Jan. 30, under His the direction of Miss Lawley. The junior class presented a discussion ware man, is convincingly port of the Palestine situation in the trayed by Lawrence Hammond form of a meeting of the "Current Events Club." This play was writ-Phin's son, who is decidedly in ten by Miss Lawley and gave some love with Maudie. Mrs. Armstrong, of the historical background of events that have led to the present situation in that country. All students felt that they had a much clearer understanding of the Palestine problem at the end of the program. Vera Allen acted as chairman and was assisted by Irwin Severance, Joseph Bilmon, Mary Ann Wosniak, Rita Mello, of Edwin Stevens. Colonel Grover, Shirley Miller, Russell Bigelow and Mary LaPlante. Beverly Bolton and Ralph Miller of the 7th grade added bits of humor.

George Billings began a series of lectures and demonstrations on ready helping with the prompting. First Aid on Monday to a group of Mr. Finch is directing and Mr. about 60 students. Mr. Billings is Leonard and staff of teachers are a member of the Greenfield Fire heading the financial and the usual Department and has given these courses, sponsored by the Amer-The advance sale of tickets is ican Red Cross, to many high steadily increasing and as the school and lay groups during the tickets are good either night, don't past several years. This course let a storm keep you away. This will be given once a, week for also allows baby sitters to still the remainder of the school year.

The basketball game scheduled tamily can take turns enjoying an with Powers Institute for Tuesday, Feb. 10 has been postponed until Feb. 20. At that time, both boys' and girls' teams will play. The boys will play New Salem Academy at New Salem on Thursday of this week and both boys and girls will play at New Salem on Feb. 27.

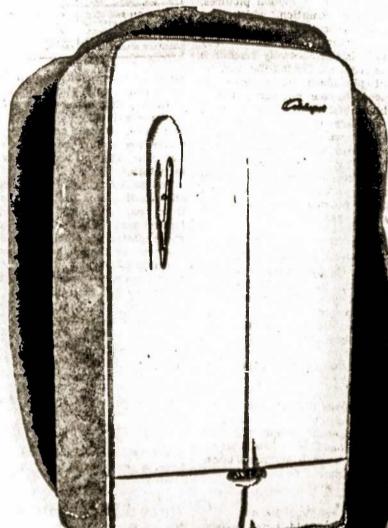
Richard Huber who graduated from N. H. S. in 1945, has returned for a post-graduate course preliminary to entering University of Massachusetts in September.

Many pupils of N. H. S. are selling tickets to "Shavings," to be presented next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Town Hall. Proceeds from this play will

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